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He ought to remember favours on
whom they are conferred; he who
has conferred them ought not to
bring them to mind.

—Cicero.

The Fire Alarm

The other day a fire truck in El Paso while rushing to a blaze ran down an automobile. The public had had no warning by the blowing of a whistle or the ringing of a bell, that a fire was in progress. The first warning was the crash of a department truck into a crowded street. The El Paso Times, thereupon, began a crusade for the sounding of the fire alarm in order that drivers of vehicles in the streets might have time to seek the curbs, allowing free passage for the fire apparatus. As a result El Pasoans are now apprised of fires by the blasts of a siren. Some of these days a lesson will be taught in Phoenix. It may be at the cost of one or more lives, but whatever the cost the lesson will be worth it.

The discontinuance of the fire alarm was not considered in El Paso as it was in Phoenix. There, as here, it attracted great crowds to fires and resulted in obstructing the work of the firemen. A few well enforced regulations would have removed this objection to the fire alarm. The establishment of limits enclosing a territory, say within a block or two of the fire, would have been sufficient.

Another objection to the alarm was that it was a relic of village days. The general alarm is not heard any more in large cities, and therefore smaller places like Phoenix and El Paso should discard it. But in large cities there is an alarm system that is better than the general alarm. It is sounded from boxes on streets along which the fire apparatus will pass, without exciting traffic on other streets. But that is a rather expensive system. Phoenix is not ready for it. It should not ape the larger cities until it is ready to equip itself like other cities.

A boy at a certain age has an ambition to discard shirtwaists and knee pants. That is a very laudable ambition if he has any other clothes to take the places of those boyish garments. Otherwise he had better keep them. He should not go naked. Phoenix had better stick to its general fire alarm until it is ready to install a better system.

The Marketing Conference

The marketing conference now in progress at Chicago is held for the removal of a more or less mysterious obstruction of the live stock industry—the fluctuation of prices which is not caused by any change in prices paid by consumers for meat products. As a result of such fluctuations a live stock grower through a long period of years, some years conducts his business at a loss while at other years when the prices of meats are unchanged or are not materially changed, he finds he has made a profit. If he has done so he feels that in those years when he encountered losses, some one else has made a profit which rightly belongs to him.

The live stock men are pretty well organized. They are aware that the condition which they seek to remove is not the result of any oversight on their part. They know, too, that whether or not the railroads get a larger share of the live stock profits than they ought to have, that fact would not produce these unaccountable fluctuations which surround the live stock business with so much uncertainty.

The live stock men and the department of agriculture which is co-operating with them in the attempt to penetrate this mystery, have not charged the packers with manipulating the markets of both the producers and the consumers, but we suppose that their attention has been focused upon the packers by a sort of process of elimination. The packers were invited to take part in the conference and no doubt they are now shedding light upon a situation that has hitherto been rather inexplicable.

While on the subject of marketing we direct attention to a story we print today regarding the marketing of one of the products of this valley. We may speak of it as a by-product since it is the result of a business conducted as a sideline. Like most other enterprises in the valley, it is unorganized. We mean the poultry business. No real attempt has ever been made to find a market for valley poultry and little or no effort has been made to raise poultry for any market that might be found. There has been a lack of standardization which is essential to the finding of a market or the keeping of one after it has been found.

Take turkeys, for instance, for we are approaching the season when turkeys are in demand; some fatten their turkeys on grain while others let the turkeys prepare themselves for the market

on alfalfa or what other forage is accessible. They go to the market together, say to Los Angeles. The self-preparation of the turkey is not discovered until it is served at the Thanksgiving table and a coolness toward the grocer or butcher who sold it is established. He passes it on to the produce firm from which he obtained the turkey and the produce firm draws a black mark against the locality from which it received it, as a source of the turkey supply. The market is therefore closed against all turkeys from that locality, whether grain-fed or self-made, for there is no way of distinguishing them except by eating.

The poultry business in this valley can be made a profitable one, either as a special or a side line, but it can be made so only by organization to secure and hold markets. In the first place there must be standardization and then there must be an understanding that there must be a sufficient and expected supply and that the supply must not be over-abundant. Overproduction which means loss can be avoided only by co-operation.

A Thinking Department

Sir Arthur B. Marikham, who declared in the house of commons on Monday, "As long as Earl Kitchener—the man who accepts no advice—remains at the war office we will not win the war," is the same Sir Arthur who since 1912 has been a member of that parliamentary group of the Liberal party whose idea of statesmanship has been "independent criticism." His assertion that Kitchener was responsible for the blunders of Antwerp and the Dardanelles is open to doubt, since it appears that both those great blunders were entered upon without a dissenting voice. The further declaration that Kitchener had withheld "information from the public whom he treated as dervishes," concludes his indictment of the war secretary.

The last count is probably a true one and discloses the only fault of Kitchener for which he was wholly responsible. The censorship which is a supremely foolish one was directed by him. It was the result of a bent of mind formed by the confinement of his duties for so long a period among peoples whom he could not take into his confidence, and the government of whom he administered without "advice." No doubt his administration was the better for the lack of advice. To Kitchener, therefore, all outside his office were mere "dervishes."

But there were advisers. It appears, a very loosely organized and indefinite group, not experts or even pretended experts. They were mostly politicians bent on conducting the war not for the saving of Great Britain but for the advantage of their respective parties and factions. Social influence also swayed the deliberations of the advisers. In the social world and the political world Kitchener was at sea, or like a fish out of water.

The "advisers" seemed to think that the great name of Kitchener would somehow win the war, the while they played politics and the while social leaders dominated the personnel of the army, for Kitchener was not responsible at all. There was nothing for him to do but to muster and train a great army without means of recruiting armies; to furnish them with supplies and to furnish munitions of war, and to win victories on land and, eventually, compel British arms to triumph. That was all Kitchener had to do. Social leaders and politicians would do all the rest.

We can do no better than to quote from the London Observer which from the beginning has taken a clearer view of the war situation than any other British newspaper:

More vital still as a means to the efficient conduct of the struggle is to reorganise the War Office. We need above all things to create a new Thinking Department such as is required for the assistance of the secretary of state himself no less than for the benefit of the prime minister and his chief political colleagues. Since Heracles came out of the east at the outbreak of the conflict we have caused him to stagger under more stupendous burdens than were ever before heaped on mortal shoulders. Lord Kitchener was at first responsible for everything. He was responsible for three different things which are separated in all systems aiming at military efficiency under modern conditions. These three things are material, personnel and war plans. The furnishing of armies must be distinguished from the recruiting of armies, and both from the strategical employment of armies in the field. With respect to the first, a fundamental change has been made. Late in the day we realised that in our continued innocence of the methods of modern preparation for war on a great scale, we had expected Lord Kitchener to perform sheer impossibilities. A separate ministry of munitions was created, and it has developed into a vast department, taxing the whole energies of Mr. Lloyd George and his increasing staff.

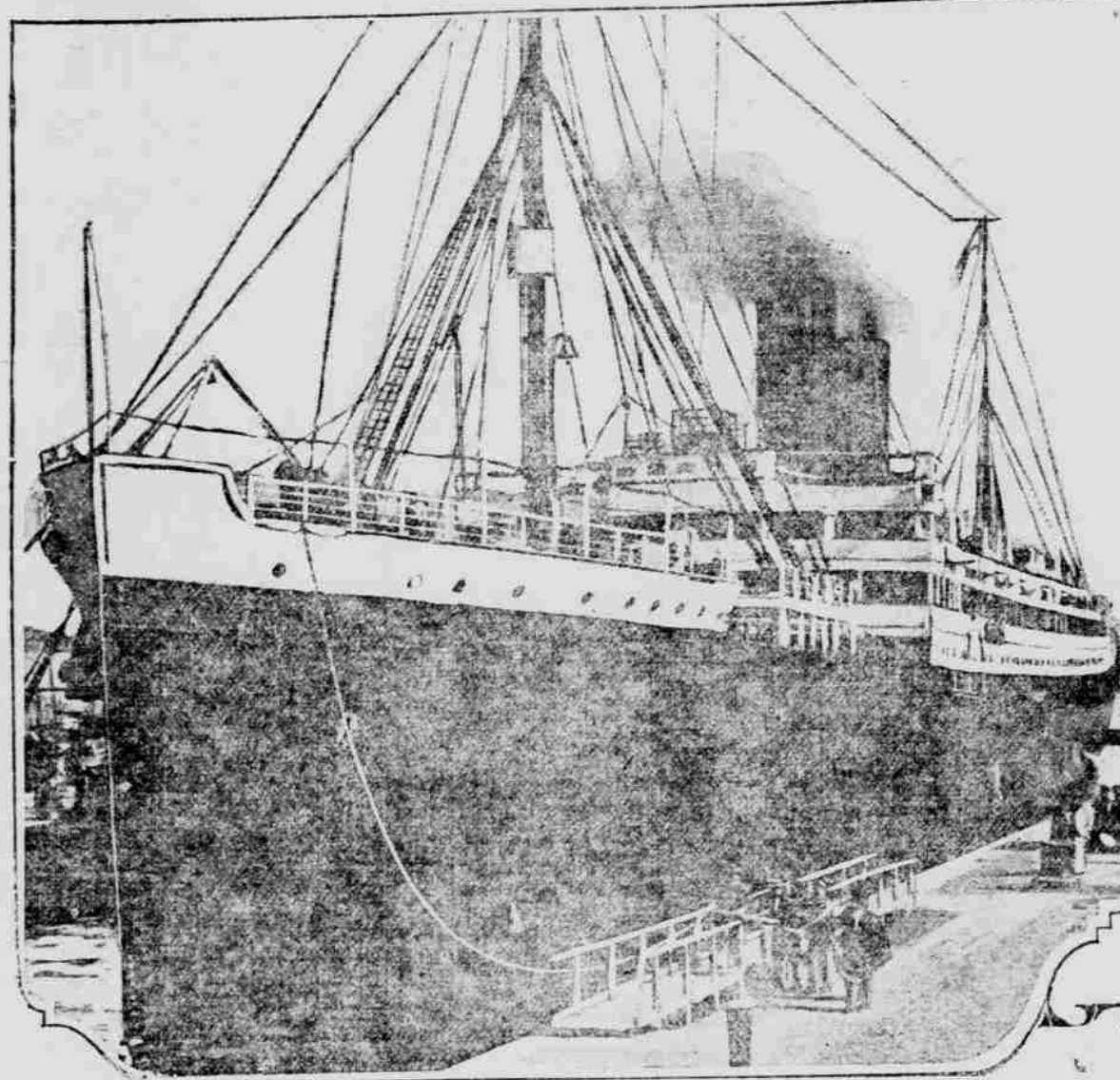
The Balkan situation has proved that we still went on expecting Lord Kitchener to perform sheer impossibilities. When the Germans attacked Serbia and the Bulgars threw off the mask we had not the vestige of a real plan, and it has taken us three weeks to reach a fundamental decision. The storm burst. For a year it had been predicted. For months all the contingencies were urgently obvious. Plans to meet them ought to have been ready for the touch of a button. But no Thinking Department had been authorised to provide Lord Kitchener beforehand with what every government ought to be able to consult on demand—a definite and thoroughly thought-out plan for dealing with a very serious emergency of war.

There has been the source of British woes, the absence of a "Thinking Department." It is no wonder that every British move in the war has been a blunder, the Dardanelles campaign, the costly and ephemeral victory at Neuve Chapelle, the fatal hesitation in the Balkans and the present plight of the allies darker than ever without a gleam into a brighter outlook. Apparently everything devolves upon Russia. A breakdown there would mean the certain triumph of the central empires.

In the early days of the war we heard much of the Russian Cossacks, the German Uhlans, the British Black Watch and the Piedmont Chasseurs. These famous arms of the various organizations have disappeared, presumably, into the trenches.

A hint to the weather bureau just now of the wrath to come, we think, will be sufficient.

WAS FIRE ON ROCHAMBEAU CAUSED BY BUSY BOMB PLACERS?



French liner Rochambeau.

Uncensored Sense and Nonsense

With the crippled and the blind,
English girls must soon be smitten;
For the wolf and abbe bodied
They are scarce in this dear Britain.

How for years the men of England,
Have been coming to this land,
Telling home our U. S. maidens,
With a high and mighty hand:

Trading in a hushed peevish
For a maiden with a dower,
Which came from making idiot men
Or maybe making fiends;

Amidst the maids of England,
When they say make splendid
Have to marry some back-driver,
Or go single all their lives.

Now that war has rounded many—
And many more are dead,
And you'll have to marry trimmings,
Or perhaps live on, my dear.

I suggest that English daughters
Who don't like the old maid nation,
Pack their trunks with their belongings
And come on across the ocean.

You won't need to bring a title,
And you won't need any dough,
And without a bit of humbug
You will catch a U. S. beau.

You will find a man who'll love you,
And he'll love you, just for you,
And he will not ask your papa,
With the money, to "come through."

You don't need to marry cripples,
Nor the ones who have gone blind;
Just you go and buy a ticket
And leave the maimed behind.

As I say, we'll treat you nicely,
And we'll certainly care for you;
'Cause we think your "doo-min"
men-folk

Have been most unfair to you.

The idea in Greece is that she
will remain neutral until she can
send a whole army of ex-cabinet
ministers into the field—an army of
dips.

Wouldn't it be funny if the Ger-
mans should paint jokes all over the
submarines—the English could never
see them.

The worst evils are those that
never arrive.

They don't need to bother to put
out the lights in London on account
of Zepplins—the censors are keeping
everybody in the dark.

King Constantine of Greece just
naturally don't want to fight.

All is fair—fair enough—weather,
crowd, everything.

"Does a college education pay?"
recent editorial headline in this
paper. Answer—Yes, if it is not
classical alone. Successes among
classically educated people are rare.

They usually are professors—or have
a sufficient income to live upon
without working for it. Find one
person who is earning his living by
the use of his classical education,
outside of a college faculty—you
can't do it. It can't be made to pay
and if a thing don't PAY in this day
and age—it is not vogue.

"Debate." An editor has sprung
this word on us. It's all right with
me, though I don't like the sound
of it—debacle—diabolical—it's no nice
word, anyway.

Hope none of the fair visitors will
freeze these nights. Think of it—
freezing to death in Phoenix—possi-
ble!

Rudyard Kipling.

Rudyard Kipling, the English poet
and author, has directed his entire
literary talent to war writing during
the past year and a quarter. He has
written war stories for the maga-
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new book of his, "France at War,"
has just been published.

MAJOR VEEDER DIES

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Major A. Veeder, A. M., M. D., died at Lyons tonight aged 67. Dr. Veeder was born in Astoria, Ohio, November 2, 1848, and had been a resident of Lyons for over thirty years. During the Spanish-American war he was first to make known the discovery of the fact that typhoid germs are carried by flies.

PROPOSALS FOR PEACE

ROME (Via London) Nov. 17.—Proposals for a separate peace were made today by Austria at the time the recent Italian offensive was begun, the Pope Italian asserts. The paper declares certain territorial concessions were offered to Italy but that the Salandra cabinet refused to consider them.

"A MORNING DREAM"

Ain't these mornings cold, you say,
You know you'll surely freeze.
As you loiter round your little stove,
And sneeze and sneeze and sneeze,
And then you go right back to bed.

You're sure it's going to storm,
You cover up your tousled head,
And soon you're snug and warm.
The same man throws a little sand,
It lands right in your eyes.

And soon you fall asleep to dream
Of heavy laden ships,
A cold north wind is blowing,
The trees are bending low,
And the earth is almost covered.

With the newly fallen snow,
And then your dream is ended,
Your mother says, "Come, Joe,"
You jump right up, and rub your eyes.

And look to see the snow,
But all you see is a little frost,
Green trees around you grow,
and you're glad you're down in Phoenix.

Where cold winds never blow.
—Rosa Boning.

WAR WRITING KEEPS POET KIPLING BUSY

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ror of darkness over its millions of
the patient and obscure.

The American public does not
know what its government knows.
And that knowledge is withheld be-
cause the president and his former
secretary of state have not wished
to have their policy forced by an
aroused public sentiment. Mr. Bryan
is for peace on almost any terms
and the truth of Mexico—the Ameri-
can spirit being what it is—meant
a change from the Bryan policy to
a policy of vigor, and, if necessary,
war.

This is an astonishing situation
in which to find a self-governing
people. We have talked a good deal
about the evils of secret diplomacy
in the chancelleries of Europe. We
have helped up hands in help horror at
the spectacle of whole peoples swept
into a vortex which aristocrats and
cabinets have prepared behind closed
doors of official secrecy.

But where is the freedom of a
people when the very sources of
intelligent judgment and good con-
science are kept shut by their elected
representatives? Mr. Wilson and Mr.
Bryan weave rhetorical tributes to
the moral sense of our people and
dedicate us all, willy nilly, to the
service of humanity now and for
ever. But what has become of our
right to know what we are doing?

That, it would seem, is the basis
of any freedom that is anything but
a fraud. We elect our presidents
to be our executives, not our con-
science.

To check the jungle and the self-
seeking sensationalist is one thing. It
can be accomplished openly. To keep
the truth away from a free people
in order that a policy may not be
overthrown is tyranny, no less in
America than in Europe.

If the American public could vis-
ualize stricken Mexico there would be
no more watchful waiting and no
traffic with blood stained factions—
Chicago Tribune.

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lican office. A Want Ad will see more
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Dying Intestate

If you should die intestate (without mak-
ing a will) the Superior Court would ap-
point an administrator of your estate, and
order is sold and distributed or partitioned
among your heirs according to the laws of
Descent and Distribution. It may be that
such forced sale would greatly depreciate
the value of the estate, but the adminis-
trator would have no discretion in the matter
as he has a limited time by law in which to
close the estate.

By will you can appoint an executor and
provide for keeping your property intact,
continue a business, or await a favorable
time to sell it, and without delaying mat-
ters by getting orders from the court, if
you so request. You can also provide that
the portion going to minor children may be
held in trust for their education or given
them when they reach majority, or later.
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